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TAGS: OVIP (SENATOR HARRISON WILLIAMS), RO
SUBJECT: SENATOR WILLIAMS VISIT TO ROMANIA

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1. DELIGHTED AT PROSPECT OF SENATOR WILLIAMS VISIT. SENATOR WILLIAMS SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT TENTATIVE DATE FOR VISIT AND MONTH OF AUGUST IN GENERAL IS PEAK OF ROMANIAN VACATION PERIOD. EMBASSY HAS OFTEN EXPERIENCED DIFFICULTY IN ARRANGING OFFICIAL MEETINGS DURING THIS PERIOD. SENATOR SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT 23 AND 24 AUGUST ARE OFFICIAL ROMANIAN NATIONAL DAY HOLIDAYS.

2. REFTEL DID NOT SPECIFY DURATION OF SENATOR'S VISIT NOR TIME DIVISION BETWEEN OFFICIAL AND SIGHTSEEING ACTIVITIES. SUBJECT TO THESE CONSIDERATIONS, EMBASSY SUGGESTS FOLLOWING PROGRAM BASED ON INTERESTS SPECIFIED REFTEL:

(-) MEDICAL PROGRAMS - MEETING MINISTRY OF HEALTH

(B) PENSION PLANS AND HEALTH CARE FOR ELDERLY -
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BRIEFINGS AT MINISTRIES OF LABOR AND HEALTH.

(C) HOUSING - BUCHAREST CITY COUNCIL AND MEETING AT "URBAN PLANNING INSTITUTE - BUCHAREST" WITH A VISIT TO MODERN HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SUCH AS "COLENTINA".

(D) EDUCATION - MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FOR GENERAL

BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION OF RECENT OVERHAUL OF EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM FAVORING VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.

(3) MASS TRANSIT - BUCHAREST CITY COUNCIL FOR GERNERAL BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION OF BUCHAREST METRO PROJECT.

(*) MINORITIES - SUGGEST INITIAL BRIEFING BY EMBASSY. LATER MEETINGS CAN BE SCHEDULED AT HUNGARIAN WORKINGMEN'S COUNCIL AND/OR GERMAN WORKINGMEN'S COUNCIL IN BUCHAREST. BASED ON EMBASSY EXPERIENCE, MEETING WITH GERMAN COUNCIL WOULD BE MORE FRUITFUL. NO UKRANIAN ORGANIZATION EXISTS IN BUCHAREST AREA. MEETING WITH UKRANIAN ORGANIZATION CAN BE FACILITATED ONLY IF SENATOR WISHES TO TARVEL TO EXTREME NORTHERN ROMANIA.

3. IN VIEW OF SENATOR WILLIAMS INTEREST IN HEALTH CARE FOR ELDERLY, WE ALSO SUGGEST VISIT TO GERIATRIC CLINIC OF DR. ANA ASLAN. DR. ASLAN IS WORLD-RENOWNED DEVELOPER AND PROPONENT OF "GEROVITAL", A GENERAL TREATMENT FOR DEGENERATIVE DISEASE ASSOCIATED WITH AGING FOR GOR SEEKS FDA APPROVAL.

4. TOURISM: SUBJECT TO TIME CONSIDERATIONS FOLLOWING PROGRAM RECOMMENDED:

(A) FULL DAY TOUR OF BUCHAREST

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(B) TWO-DAY TOUR OF PAINTED MONASTERIES IN MOLDAVIA (NORTH-EASTERN ROMANIA)(C) TWO-DAY TOUR OF TRANSYLVANIA, INCLUDING SINAIA, POIANA-BRASOV, AND BRAN CASTLE, HOME OF DRACULA.

5. ASSUME EUR/EE PASSING APPROPRIATE BACKGROUND NOTES AND BRIEFING MATERIAL TO SENATOR WILLIAMS.

6. UPON NOTIFICATION OF EXACT DATES OF VISIT AND CONCURRENCE SEN. WILLIAMS, EMBASSY WILL SCHEDULE SPECIFIC APPOINTMENTS WITH ORGANIZATIONS CITED IN PARA 2.

7. AMBASSADOR BARNES, IN WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS THROUGH JULY 20, LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING SEN. WILLIAMS AND DISCUSSING PROPOSED VISIT.
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